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**NEW ENGLAND**

In Southern California—Breezy Sketch by a Hancock County Man.

(Written for THE AMERICAN BY P. G. WOOSTER formerly of South Hancock.)

My good wife and I had spent the whole of five seasons and half of the sixth, at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, the finest watering place, by all odds, of any on the Pacific coast, but we both longed for a change, and for this change we thought we would take to the mountains.

We had heard most favorable reports of Strawberry Valley—a valley in the mountains, with an altitude of over 5,000 feet, with mountain peaks all around about 11,000 feet. This valley is so named from the wild strawberries that grow and fruit in the latter part of August. The vines have been that damaged of late years, by swine being turned in to feed and fatten on the fallen oak acorns.

The location of this valley is in Riverside county, about twenty-three miles easterly from San Jacinto, and is reached by a branch line of the Southern California Railway. The valley is well wooded, with giant pines, statice live oaks, and the principal shrubs are manzanita, greasewood, iron wood, scrub oak, wild cherry and gooseberry.

We had received charming reports of this valley, and so we decided to go there. On August 4, at 9:30 a. m., we take the train for Riverside, and in an hour and a half we are at San Bernardino Junction. Here we stop for an hour and lunch. Then we take the train southward through famous Riverside, thence through Alessandro, a beautiful little town founded in honor of the grama, brought in with the old or the larger brats a great many little "shak dunks," a sort of mattress made of corn shucks or ticking and stuffed with corn shucks. These were arranged in parallel rows—four rows of them—across the floor of the big room in which we sat, and the children began to go to bed.

They did not seem to need much undressing, having on only the one garment, and, as near as I could judge, all that was required was to slip off that and put on a dirty night-gown hardly distinguishable from the day gown. The eldest child was aged about sixteen years, the youngest about four months.

There was much giggling among the girls and wrangling among the boys, but presently they settled down and there was a few moments of calm, during which the old "cracker" resumed his story, an interesting and thrilling romance about the "days before the war" and the customary "thousand singular" which he used to tell.

It was a singular circumstance, when the "cracker" was bragging about his former prosperity, he always fixed the number of his slaves at exactly a thousand—no more, no less would suffice him. This is a little peculiarity that I have never heard of elsewhere, though there must be some good reason for it.

The quiet was of brief duration. The children began crawling on their "shak dunks" and chased each other round the big room in a lively game of "tag." Their noise attracted the attention of the "dad," he broke the thread of his story like a flash, and he said, "Now, my little ones, just go to sleep right away and don't make no noise, or I'll wallop you every one!"

The children subsided and the old man resumed his story. In five minutes or less they were at their old places again. Again "paw" pursued them, caught another brat, snatched him up and hugged him, and resumed his seat on the toilet and caught up the thread of his tale as calmly as if there had been no interruption. This performance was repeated several times during the evening.

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